



September 23, 2015

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Property ID: GKMPD01

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Durango, CO, 81301

Dear (b) (6)

Thank you for providing access to your property to collect sediment and surface water samples. We are attaching copies of the validated sample results.

The samples from your property were submitted to a private certified laboratory to be analyzed for total and dissolved metals. The analysis included metals that could potentially be present in sediment deposited as a result of the release from the Gold King Mine incident on August 5, 2015. Sediment concentrations from your property are below recreational screening levels, which are shown as RBC (risk based concentrations) on the enclosed results.

EPA has worked closely with the Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment to evaluate the conditions in the Animas River following the Gold King Mine incident. Surface water and sediment samples results for the river system as a whole are being maintained at pre-event conditions. It is important to keep in mind that metal concentrations in water and sediment may fluctuate. Fluctuations occur because of weather and other events that change water flow rates or volume. They can also occur if sediments are accumulating at a higher than normal rate at a particular site, before being washed away by the next high water event.

In addition to surface water, sediment and soil samples, were taken on September 10, 2015 in the area on your property where EPA temporarily located a diesel generator. These samples were also submitted to a private certified laboratory, to be evaluated for total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH). These data were provided to you in person by an EPA On-Scene Coordinator, on September 22, 2015.

If you have any health related questions regarding these test results, please contact Flannery O'Neil with the San Juan Basin Health Department (SJBHD) at (970) 247-5702; or to discuss your sample results with an EPA representative, please contact Cynthia Peterson, EPA Community Involvement Coordinator, at (303) 312-6879.

Sincerely,

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8

Enclosure